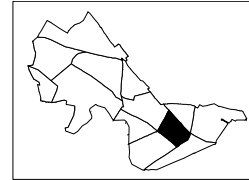


NEIGHBORHOOD 4

AREA 4



BOUNDARIES: the B&A Railroad, Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Hampshire Street

POPULATION: 7,263 residents
2,523 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$24,665

Neighborhood #4 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers), and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 4A, 4B, and 4C, and Central 10.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, JAN-JUNE 00 - 04

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	18	33	22	21	26
Street Robbery	14	11	14	17	23
Auto Theft	43	42	25	23	21
Larceny from MVs	45	65	23	22	29
Malicious Destruction	57	60	61	39	33
Drug Incidents	14	8	7	10	8

2004 FIRST HALF IN REVIEW

Area 4 recorded its highest **street robbery** total in six years for the first two quarters of the year in 2004. There were six additional incidents so far in 2004 when compared with the same time period last year. Three distinct spatial and temporal trends have been identified for street robberies in this area in 2004. The 500 block on Mass Ave in Central Square late on weekend nights, the 200 block of Harvard and lower Norfolk Street, and the Pine, School, and lower Columbia Street vicinity have all been designated as potential hot spots and are receiving increased and directed patrol activities. • Clusters of daytime **housebreaks** in the 100 blocks of Windsor Street and the 200 block of Norfolk Street were a problem over the first four months of the year. Two arrests in May seem to have alleviated this activity with only six breaks recorded over the final two months of the quarter. • **Larceny from motor vehicles** have been concentrated on weekend nights along Main Street, Bishop Allen Drive and the 100 to 250 blocks of Harvard Street • The major **drug incident** in the second quarter of 2004 in this area involved the execution of a search warrant by the Special Investigation Unit on a Market Street residence. Significant amounts of methamphetamine, marijuana, LSD and ammunition were confiscated. •

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES					
<i>Crime</i>	<i>1981-1990</i>	<i>Rank '81-'90*</i>	<i>1991-2002</i>	<i>Rank '91-'02*</i>	<i>Rank 2003*</i>
Housebreaks	101	5	59	4	6
Street Robbery	75	1	47	1	2
Auto Theft	147	3	77	3	2
Larceny from MVs	134	2	80	4	6
Malicious Destruction	131	3	109	4	4

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Area 4 has a less than average residential population among Cambridge neighborhoods, coupled with a series of commercial establishments lining Massachusetts Avenue. Multi-family homes, as well as large apartment buildings, and two public housing developments (Newtowne Court and Washington Elms) distinguish this neighborhood from others.

- In recent years, community crime watches, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and thorough policing by the Cambridge Police Special Investigations Unit have succeeded in preventing many potential drug incidents in the neighborhood's residential areas.
- Area 4 is often a prime target for **housebreaks** due to its high population density in residential areas. In both Mid-Cambridge and Area 4, the Crime Analysis Unit has identified several discernable housebreak patterns that emerge annually.

